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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN GOM AND UNHCR OFFICE ON REFUGEE
RESETTLEMENT DEADLINE

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1030

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS TEXTS OF NOTES

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EXCHANGED BETWEEN MFA AND UNHCR OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR
REGARDING THE FORMER'S DECISION TO RESTRICT THE STAY OF
REFUGEES IN MALAYSIA TO SIX MONTHS FROM "DATE OF
INTERVIEW," FOLLOWING WHICH MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES "MAY"
SEND THEM BACK TO SEA. SIMILARLY ALL REFUGEES
PRESENTLY IN MALAYSIA (THE NOTE WAS DATED
JAN 31) MUST LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY JUNE 30. THE

UNHCR OFFICE'S REPLY DATED FEB 10 ACKNOWLEDGED
GOM NOTIFICATION AND PROMISES TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO EXPEDITE THE RESETTLEMENT PROCESS BUT DOES
NOT COMMIT UNHCR TO THE DEADLINES.
END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF MFA NOTE: BEGIN TEXT: (COMPLIMENTARY
OPENING)...AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT IT
HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
SOME REFUGEES HAVE WAITED IN MALAYSIA FOR A
CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME, THE OFFICE OF THE
UNHCR WOULD BE GIVEN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE
OF INTERVIEW TO RESETTLE THESE REFUGEES TO OTHER
COUNTRIES.

IN THE EVENT THEY STILL REMAIN IN
MALAYSIA, THE MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES MAY PUT THEM
IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ON SEAWORTHY BOATS LEFT
BY PREVIOUS REFUGEES FOR THEM TO PROCEED TO OTHER
COUNTRIES OF THEIR CHOICE.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN DECIDED THAT THE
PRESENT REFUGEES WHO ARE IN MALAYSIA HAVE TO LEAVE
THE COUNTRY BY 30TH JUNE, 1977.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.

3. TEXT OF UNHCR OFFICE NOTE: BEGIN TEXT:
(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT
THE MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED THAT THE
VIETNAMESE DISPLACED PERSONS WHO ARE PRESENTLY
IN MALAYSIA WILL HAVE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
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BY 30 JUNE 1977. UNHCR WILL ENDEAVOR TO FIND
PLACES OF RESETTLEMENT SO AS TO ENABLE THESE
VIETNAMESE DISPLACED PERSONS LEAVE MALAYSIA BY
THE TIME INDICATED.

IT HAS FURTHER BEEN NOTED THAT UNHCR
WOULD BE GIVEN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF
INTERVIEW TO RESETTLE VIETNAMESE DISPLACED
PERSONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION,
UNHCR WISHES TO ASSURE THAT THE VIETNAMESE DISPLACED
PERSONS WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE
IN MALAYSIA AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO
FACILITATE THEIR DEPARTURE FROM MALAYSIA FOR THEIR
PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT DESTINATIONS WITHIN THE
STIMULATED PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.

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